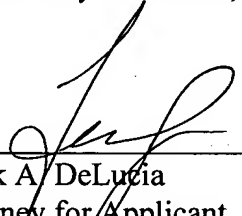


REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 11, and 14, are in independent form. Claims 1-19 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, and otherwise to place the claims in condition for examination pursuant to U.S. practice. An early and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

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